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1. Hajmáskér today is a complete camp complex made up of three parts and numerous barrack groups. Hungarian units are stationed here permanently, and a minimum of 4,000 to 5,000 Soviet troops which have been detailed here from different units, are always present. Since the end of April 1952, the Soviet troops relieve each other at intervals of two weeks. The arms of service of the Red Army represented include artillery, armored, mortar, and, in smaller numbers, infantry.
2. Since 1 July 1952, extensive maneuvers of Soviet and Hungarian troops have been carried out at Hajmáskér. During these maneuvers, an attack was made on the eastern and southern shores of Lake Balaton, after which the troops moved south. Extensive troop movements in this area were ascertained during these weeks.
3. In connection with the cantonments in the Hajmáskér area, it should be mentioned that extensive road building and enlargement of depots and quarters have been carried out during the past year. A new connecting road has been built through the position. This road begins at the village of Oskú, 14 kilometers northeast of Veszprém, and runs southward from the old road between the old road and the locality of Soly, 10 kilometers northeast of Veszprém. It joins the old road 2.5 kilometers south of the military base. There is also a so-called "northern road" which runs along the northern side of the military base and unites Hajmáskér and Oskú. This road is blocked at present and used only by the military. The National Engineering Construction Enterprise has been engaged for months in laying new water lines and other works at the base.

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4. Plans were worked out in the spring of 1951 for a new loading platform, having a side ramp 80 meters long and 20 meters wide. The National Bridge-Building Enterprise was commissioned to build it. The ramp is on the siding leading from the Hajmáskér railway station. It is used only by the military. A 120 meter extension of the siding was ordered, so that a front ramp can also be built.
5. A castle, 20 meters wide and 72 meters long, and a smaller farm building are used as permanent ammunition magazines. These structures are cut off from the rest of the camp by a high stone wall. The front corners have bastion-like towers which serve as ammunition storage. Large quantities of artillery ammunition are frequently unloaded at the Hajmáskér railway station. While the unloading is going on, the area is ringed off at a considerable circuit by Soviet guards. Highway traffic is prohibited during these periods. The stocks on hand at any time cannot be estimated because of the very strong control maintained, and also because regular sharpshooting exercises are carried out the year around by the Soviet and Hungarian troops. It can, however, be said with certainty that no ammunition reserves for the event of war are stored here. The ammunition is for training purposes. In the southern part of the camp complex there is an open ammunition depot which is shut off by an artificial protective wall and wire fence.
6. In the camp there are underground gasoline tanks of unknown capacity. The fuel is delivered here from Pét (sic); 32 three-ton tank cars are employed in transporting the gasoline and oils. The installation is watched day and night by a guard of six men. Fuel is also stored separately. The new system is that the gasoline containers are removed from the tank autos and stored in the open together with the fuel.
7. The central and southern parts of the encampment are occupied by Soviet troops, about 5,000 in number. The auto park of the Soviet units is in the open. The tanks and guns are under tarpaulins, partly exposed. The Soviet camps are separated from the rest of the cantonment by a fence; they have set up numerous guardhouses here and their watches continually patrol the borders of their camps. A Soviet MVD unit of 250 to 260 men is stationed in the central camp. There is a company of Soviet military police wearing red arm bands.
8. On the northern side of the underground ammunition depot, 36 pieces of Soviet artillery are placed in three series. The guns are 122 mm, rubber tired, apparently Model 31-37. On the south side are 30-34 artillery tractors, which have two doors on each side. The men ride the tractors.
9. On the north side of the parking place, back of the guns, are eight Soviet rocket projectors (Serienwerfer), Model M-8, having double sets of tubes.
10. In one of the barracks, 42 Soviet mortars, 120 mm, model 38, are stored. They stand on round supporting platforms. In one of the other barracks are 36-38 Soviet heavy mortar drawn on two wheels, attached to trucks. They are attached to the trucks by an iron shank 1.5 meters long. The wheels have hard rubber tires.
11. In another parking place are 30 Dodge trucks, 12 Zis trucks, 14 GMC tractors, and 27 caterpillar tractors.

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12. Soviet Armored Units. The tank troops occupy a barracks camp with a guardhouse at the entrance. The enlisted men are quartered in several barracks, 80 by 20 meters in size; each shelters 200 men. The officers are quartered in another barrack. Each officer has a small room. Another barrack building in this camp, 80 x 20 meters, is fitted out as a repair workshop. More than 30 T-34-85 pieces with long barrels and muzzle screens can be counted at all times in the parking space. The tanks are seldom taken out of the camp. Some of the men wear summer clothes without troop colors, and others, uniforms with black shoulder boards edged with red. There are also a few JS tanks and SU-85 assault guns here.

13. Soviet Artillery. The artillery troops are quartered in barracks. There are eight wooden barracks, 80 x 20 meters, full of artillerists. Each one will hold 200 soldiers. The camp is fenced in with a wire fence two meters high. The repair shop for guns and automobiles is a building 125 x 25 meters. There is a wooden building 180 x 45 meters, without side walls, in which trucks, guns and artillery tractors are kept. There is also a parking place with a roof but no side walls where army trucks are stored. The mortars are all in wooden depots. This camp usually is occupied by a Soviet artillery regiment or three or four battalions. It is always full.
14. The Soviet antiaircraft units are quartered in another camp, which has 10 barracks, each 60 x 20 meters, occupied by the troops. Another barrack, 80 x 20 meters, contains the offices and some officers' living quarters. The automobile parking lot is concrete. There is a parking place and magazine for antiaircraft guns which is separated from the camp by barbed wire entanglements. The guns have four wheels with rubber tires, and barrels 2.5 meters long with muzzle screens. In the auto parking lot there are 14 Zis 3-ton cars, nine GMC 3.5 ton, ten Dodge cars, and six Zis army trucks on which heavy antiaircraft machine guns are mounted.
15. The Russians have a single athletic field in the Hajmáskér camp.

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17. Hungarian Units. In the new camp on the road to Gskú there is a Hungarian motorized infantry regiment of two battalions, with a total strength of about 900 men. This unit is only here temporarily; it is not a garrison. The soldiers wear green service colors. They are taking part in an extended firing practice here. They are equipped with modern heavy infantry weapons, but their automobile park is small and mixed. In the camp nearest the village of Gskú is the Hungarian artillery officers' school. No changes worthy of notice have been made here in the last few months. There is also a Hungarian artillery firing school in the same camp.

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